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1. AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSIONS HERE WE HAVE REFINED OUR
THINKING ON THE DEMAND REDUCTION ASSISTANCE PROJECTS FOR
MALAYSIA. WE HOPE THESE IDEAS WILL BE HELPFUL TO
PLANNERS AT THE WASHINGTON END.

2. COST. WE HAVE COME UP WITH MORE DETAILED COST
ESTIMATES FOR THE TRAINING TEAM AND PEMADAM ADVISOR AS
INDICATED PARA 3D, REF C.

A. TRAINING TEAM

SALARIES (5 PER SONS FOR SIX MONTHS, AVERAGE SALARY OF \$25,000 PA)	\$62,500
PER DIEM (\$35/DAY FOR 200 DAYS)	35,000
TRAVEL (INTERNATIONAL AND LOCAL)	15,000
EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS	5,000

\$117,500

B. PERMADAM ADVISOR

SALARY	\$25,000
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PER DIEM	12,500
TRAVEL	3,500
	\$41,000

TOTAL ESTIMATE COST FOR TWO PROJECTS: \$158,500

3. WE MENTIONED IN REF D THAT BOTH THE TRAINING TEAM
MEMBERS AND THE PEMADAM ADVISOR SHOULD HAVE CROSS-

CULTURAL, PREFERABLY OVERSEAS, EXPERIENCE IN ADDITION TO TECHNICAL SKILLS IN THE DRUG FIELD. IT IS ALSO HIGHLY DESIRABLE FOR THE PEMADAM ADVISOR AND PROBABLY AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF THE TRAINING TEAM HAVE SOME MALAY LANGAUGE COMPETENCE. ENGLISH WILL BE THE LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION FOR THE TRAINING TEAM, BUT THERE WILL BE SOME LIAISON WORK WITH WELFARE MINISTRY PERSONNEL, MOST OF WHOM ARE YOUNGER MALAYS RECENTLY OUT OF VERNACULAR SCHOOLS. PEMADAM WORKS CLOSELY WITH COMMUNITY LEADERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND MANY OF THESE HAVE LITTLE EXPOSURE TO MODERN, ENGLISH-EDUCATED SOCIETY. IF THE PERSON SELECTED FOR THE ADVISOR POSITION DOES NOT ALREADY HAVE EXPERIENCE IN MALAYSIA OR INDONESIA AND THE NECESSARY LANGUAGE ABILITY, THE DEPT. MIGHT CONSIDER A TWO-MONTH FSI COURSE IN MALAY OR EXPLORE WITH THE PEACE CORPS THE POSSIBILITY OF HIS JOINING A PC IN-COUNTRY TRAINING COURSE BEFORE BEGINNING THE PEMADAM JOB.

4. REGARDING THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE TRAINING TEAM'S APPROACH TO REHABILITATION, WE SHOULD NOTE THAT THE GOM, AND ESPECIALLY THE WELFARE MINISTRY, ARE EXTREMELY WARY OF THE THERAPEUTIC COMMUNITY CAONCEPT. A PRIVATE REHAB CENTER HERE HAS USED THAT APPROACH IN THE PAST AND HAS PROVOKED COMMUNITY CRITICISM BECAUSE ITS OPENNESS AND ESPECIALLY ITS DRAWING TO-

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GETHER OF MALES AND FEMALES IN CLOSE PROXIMITY ARE PRECEIVED AS INIMICAL TO ISLAMIC IDEALS. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE THERAPEUTIC COMMUNITY IS CONSIDERED A VERY EFFECTIVE APPROACH IN THE AMERICAN CONTEXT, BUT FEEL THAT THE DEPT. SHOULD NOT SELECT PEOPLE FOR THE TRAINING TEAM WITH AN OVERLY STRONG COMMITMENT TO THIS ONE CONCEPT.

5. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A PRE-EA CONFERENCE VISIT OF BOB RETKA AND RICHARD GIBSON (REF A). FSO JOSEPH SNYDER WILL MEET THEM ON ARRIVAL. RESERVATION MADE AT HOLIDAY INN.
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